

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 KUWAIT 05172 021214Z

44

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 RSC-01 OPIC-06 /025 W

----- 049111

R 021130Z DEC 74

FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO USDOC WASHDC

SECSTATE WASHDC 1643

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY DOHA UNN

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

UNCLAS KUWAIT 5172

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, ECRE, ENRG, BMPE; KU

SUBJ: KUWAIT PLANS MAJOR EXPANSION PORT FACILITIES

REF: A) KUWAIT 4241 (NOTAL)B) KUWAIT A-39, 3/25/73 (NOTAL)

1. DURING BRIEFING PLANNING BOARD DIRECTOR AHMAD DUAIJ GAVE FOR RECENT NAM MISSION, HE MENTIONED KUWAIT WOULD BE DOUBLING THE SIZE OF THE SHUWAIKH PORT, THE COUNTRY'S ONLY DRY CARGO PORT, IN THE NEAR FUTURE. DUAIJ'S REMARKS LENT FURTHER CREDENCE BY REPORT APPEARING IN NOV. 28 ISSUE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE "DAILY NEWS" OF PRESS CONFERENCE DUAIJ GAVE IN WHICH HE STATED STAFF REPORT ON SHUWAIKH PORT EXPANSION HAD BEEN APPROVED BY PLANNING BOARD WHICH HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER. ONLY RECENTLY, SHUWAIKH PORT WAS EXPANDED TO EIGHTEEN BERTHS WITH CAPACITY TO HANDLE APPROX THREE MILLION TONS. APPEARS FROM DUAIJ'S COMMENTS THAT EXPANSION PLANS CALL FOR UPWARDS OF A TOTAL 40 BERTHS AT SHUWAIKH.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 KUWAIT 05172 021214Z

2. OF FURTHER INTEREST, IS THE APPARENT NEED TO EXPAND

THE SHUWIBA PORT WHICH SERVES AMONG OTHERS THE KUWAIT NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY REFINERY. KNPC'S PRESENT EXPANSION PLANS CALL FOR A NEW HYDRO-CRACKING UNIT AND A GRASS ROOTS REFINERY IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENT DEBOTTLENECKING TAKING PLACE ON ITS EXISTING REFINERY. THIS IN TURN WILL CREATE A NEED FOR FOUR TO EIGHT MORE BERTHS AT SHUAIBA IN ADDITION TO THE TWO PRESENTLY EXISTING AND ANOTHER TWO UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE FINAL NUMBER OF NEW BERTHS NEEDED WILL DEPEND UPON THE SIZE OF KNPC'S NEW REFINERY WHICH WILL RANGE BETWEEN 250-500,000 BD.

3. IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY THAT MUCH PORT WORK WILL BE CONNECTED WITH THE NEW LPG PROJECT, AT LEAST ACCORDING TO KHALED SULEIMAN AL-HAMAD, THE DIRECTOR OF SHUAIBA AREA AUTHORITY, WHERE THE LPG PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED. AL-HAMAD TOLD THE NAM THAT THE LPG WILL BE LOADED FROM THE MENA AL-AHMADE SOUTH PIER WHICH PRESENTLY HANDLES THE LPG BEING PRODUCED BY THE KUWAIT OIL CO. AND ONLY MINOR MODIFICATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY.

4. REQUEST COMMERCE MAKE THIS REPORT AVAILABLE TO LEADING MARINE ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION FIRMS.

5. COMMENT: WHILE BOTH THESE EXPANSION PROJECTS ARE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF PLANNING, IT WOULD SEEM THAT GOK ATTACHING GREAT IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING ITS LOCAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY AND INSURING KUWAIT HAS ADEQUATE PORT FACILITIES TO SERVE ITS BURGEONING DEMANDS FOR CONSUMER GOODS AND INFANT OR PLANNED INDUSTRIES. MORE-OVER, PRESSURE FROM IRAQ ON KUWAIT TO HELP IRAQ RELIEVE ITS PORT CONGESTION PROBABLY ALSO PLAYS A PART. WHILE WE SHALL AT A LATER DATE TRY TO SUBMIT A MORE DETAILED REPORT ABOUT THIS WORK, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT KUWAIT PLANNING BOARD LIKELY TO PICK CONSULTANT FOR SHUWAIKH PROJECT AND SHUAIBA AREA AUTHORITY FOR SHUAIBA WORK. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL MOST LIKELY ISSUE CONSTRUCTION TENDERS FOR BOTH PROJECTS. (ALSO SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT KUWAIT SHIPPING AND DRYDOCK CO. WILL BUILD A DRYDOCK FOR CARGO VESSELS AT UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 KUWAIT 05172 021214Z

THE SHUWAIKH PORT.)  
STOLTZFUS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** ORGANIZATION & MANAGEMENT, DRYDOCKS, PORT FACILITIES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 02 DEC 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974KUWAIT05172  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740348-0735  
**From:** KUWAIT  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19741268/aaaacgin.tel  
**Line Count:** 109  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** A) KUWAIT 4241 (NOTAL)B) KUWAIT A-39, , 3/25/73 (NOTAL)  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** izenbei0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 15 MAY 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <15 MAY 2002 by colstocv>; APPROVED <10 FEB 2003 by izenbei0>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** KUWAIT PLANS MAJOR EXPANSION PORT FACILITIES  
**TAGS:** EWWT, ECRE, ENRG, BGEN, KU  
**To:** COM STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005